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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 27 August 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, [redacted]  
Messrs. [redacted]

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Mr. Amory:

a) Referred to the meeting on Prevention of Surprise Attacks to be held in Geneva starting on or about 31 October and noted we had been approached on the subject of CIA representation. Mr. Amory said he had given some thought to this matter and felt [redacted] should be the Agency designee. The Director commented he had given some thought to this too and believed it might be more appropriate to designate [redacted] pointed out that in all probability this Conference would drag on for some time and agreed with Mr. Amory [redacted]

After some discussion it was agreed that since the meeting is still some time off, further consideration would be given to CIA attendance with the thought that both Messrs. [redacted] would initially attend, with [redacted] staying on and [redacted] attending subsequent meetings as necessary.

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Mr. Amory also noted that a preliminary meeting on this Conference was being held on 29 August and since [redacted] would be out of the city he would attend. [redacted] commented that whoever represents the Agency at Geneva should spend a little time on reading himself into the problems to be discussed.

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b) Reported on the handling of communications intelligence received in CIA and in particular that part thereof which is sent to the Director. He stated that steps had been taken in tightening up our procedures in order to make this type information available to the Director ASAP.

c) Noted he continued to be concerned about the fact that DD/I still does not receive a number of operational cables containing intelligence information. He said while he realized that a good deal of intelligence contained in this type of message eventually reaches the appropriate DD/I offices in the form of [redacted] there is often a 24 - 48 hour delay and in crises situations this was "just not fast enough". He suggested that as an alternative to the present system of suspending cables for DD/I until such time as a decision can be made whether or not the cable in question should be disseminated to the DD/I components that he be put on distribution for all cables received by the Director. He pointed out that these

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messages would initially be for his eyes only and should they, in his opinion, contain information of interest to his other offices he would check with [redacted] who would have the responsibility for obtaining authority for further dissemination. The Director stated that he agreed the DD/I should receive every scrap of intelligence received and further that such receipt must be timely. After some discussion as to how this could be arranged the Director asked General Cabell to look into this problem.

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